

STUDY GUIDE

JAPANESE FOR BEGINNERS - SUMMER 2026

読み書き練習・よみかきれんしゅう・READING & WRITING PRACTICE

Mastery of the Japanese writing systems is the foundation of literacy. Use the following structured goals to guide your review.

- **Hiragana:** Review all 46 characters. Practice writing them daily until you can recall the entire syllabary without assistance.
 - **Katakana:** Focus on reading and writing loanwords (e.g., チョコレート、テレビ). Use the Katakana worksheet provided in class.
 - **Kanji:** Ensure you can recognize and write your numbers and the kanji for the days of the week
 - Numbers: 一, 二, 三, 四, 五, 六, 七, 八, 九, 十
 - [Numbers in Japanese Kanji 1 - 10](#)
 - Days of the week: 日、月、火、水、木、金、土
 - [Days of the Week in Kanji](#)
 - **Resources:** Use these interactive resources for systematic testing and verification of your progress:
 - [Hiragana & Katakana Quiz](#)
 - [Phonetic Hiragana Table](#)
 - [Hiragana Stroke Order](#)
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文法と語彙・ぶんぽうとごい・GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

Be sure to practice Japanese 11 - 33 minutes a day in order to create good study habits. Many of these topics will appear on the test. Please remember that the point of the placement test isn't to try and cram information into your brain. You should be practicing hiragana every single day.

Self-Study Review Schedule

Day	Mark Your Progress	Resources
1		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Read and Write Hiragana● Hiragana Chart 2● Hiragana Stroke Order 2
2		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● How to introduce yourself in Japanese● Countries● How to say "I am from..."
3		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Listening practice● ～ねんせい Year in school and academic status● University Majors● Telling time● Test your comprehension
4		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Verbs - Negative Form● Noun+じゃない
5		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Grammar Review● か Grammar Review

6		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Katakana Practice (1 Hour)
7		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vocabulary ● Particle “Mo”
8		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Listen to this video to help you practice your numbers and time ● Days of the week
9		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Destination Comprehension <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Particle へ ○ Particle に ○ Particle で
10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presenting objects or events using ～があります
11		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adverbs of frequency